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Memorandum

TO : ADP

DATE: 28 November 1962

FROM : Director

SUBJECT: Appreciation

The President's visit to military units associated with the Cuban crisis symbolizes the "well done" all concerned have merited. The nature of our business prevents public recognition, but all our people who participated should feel they are a part of the President's attention to our military forces on his visit. I have also received a letter of favorable comment from Admiral Dennison who, as CINCLANT, had a major responsibility during the Cuban crisis. I am quoting from his letter, as well as my reply for the information of your personnel concerned with SIGINT support during the recent weeks.

From Admiral Dennison's letter:

"I should like to take this opportunity to mention the very significant contribution which SIGINT in general - and the National Security Agency in particular - have made toward support of the Atlantic Command. The unique and vital intelligence made available as a result of the national SIGINT effort frequently finds its end use and final justification at the level of the Unified Commander. In the present situation SIGINT has been one of the most important single factors in supporting our operations and improving our readiness. Your fine support is much appreciated."

From my reply to Admiral Dennison:

"I hasten to thank you for the favorable mention in your letter of 17 November concerning the significant contribution of SIGINT in the present situation. While you mentioned NSA in particular, I am sure you know that the Army Security Agency, the Naval Security Group, and the Air Force Security Service, together constituting our Service Cryptologic Agencies, deserve a lion's share of credit for their work in the fields of collection and direct processing to our customers. I have taken the liberty of passing on your kind remarks to both NSA personnel and the SCA's as kindred vital elements of our SIGINT team."



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